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LOK SABHA SPEAKER ADDRESSES THE 23RD INDO-US ECONOMIC SUMMIT 2026

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Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla today emphasised that the shared democratic values of India and the United States provide a strong foundation for expanding bilateral trade, investment and technological cooperation. He observed that democratic institutions, stable policies, an independent judiciary and sustained engagement with stakeholders strengthen investor confidence and create opportunities for economic growth.

Shri Birla made these observations while addressing the 23rd Indo-US Economic Summit 2026. Describing India and the United States as two of the world's largest democracies, he said that strong and vibrant democratic institutions contribute to stable and responsive policymaking. Democracy provides space for diverse voices and ensures that the views of industry, trade, agriculture, technology, students and other stakeholders are taken into account while framing policies and laws, he added. He highlighted individual liberty, freedom of expression, equality before the law and an independent judiciary as important pillars of India's democratic framework. A stable policy environment, predictable taxation policies and regular engagement between industry and policymakers, he noted, encourage investment and strengthen economic partnerships.

Shri Birla appreciated the contribution of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce in promoting economic engagement between the two countries since its establishment in 1968. He commended its successive leadership for facilitating dialogue, expanding trade relations, encouraging technology partnerships and creating employment opportunities. India's growing pool of skilled human resources, he said, offers considerable scope for further strengthening these partnerships.

Calling for closer collaboration between industry and academic institutions, Shri Birla urged businesses to work with universities, IITs, IIITs, engineering colleges and other technical institutions to advance research and innovation. He noted that investment by industry in research has played a significant role in driving technological progress across the world. Stronger partnerships between industry and educational institutions, he said, would help India develop new technologies, enhance competitiveness and establish leadership in emerging sectors.

Referring to the pharmaceutical sector, Shri Birla noted that Indian medicines enjoy wide international recognition, particularly in African countries. He emphasised the need for pharmaceutical companies and universities to undertake joint research to address emerging healthcare needs. Advances in AI and medical technology, he said, offer significant opportunities for innovation. He also highlighted India's progress towards self-reliance in defence under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, as well as its growing capabilities in defence manufacturing and exports.

Describing India's young population as a major strength, Shri Birla said that the ideas, skills and innovative capabilities of young Indians are contributing significantly to the country's development. He noted that India's expanding startup ecosystem has produced solutions to several global challenges. Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), too, offer substantial opportunities for investment, technological cooperation and employment generation. He encouraged businesses from India and the United States to forge partnerships that leverage their respective strengths and expand opportunities in international markets.

On energy cooperation, Shri Birla observed that industrial growth, the expansion of data centres and investments in technology are driving an increase in energy demand. He stressed that industrial development must go hand in hand with environmental responsibility and highlighted India's efforts to promote clean and green energy. Greater collaboration among industry, scientists and researchers, he said, could accelerate innovation in energy technologies and support sustainable economic growth.

Shri Birla noted that developments in one country increasingly affect economies and societies across the world. Emphasising the importance of peace, stability and mutual trust, he said that India has consistently advocated collective efforts to address global challenges. Guided by the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, India believes that countries must work together in a spirit of mutual respect to advance economic progress and social well-being.

Shri Birla expressed confidence that deliberations during the summit would generate fresh ideas for cooperation in industry, trade, technology, research and innovation. He emphasised that economic development must be inclusive, ensure equal opportunities

and contribute to social welfare. Shared prosperity and human well-being, he said, must remain the guiding objectives of international cooperation.

नई दिल्ली में आयोजित 23rd Indo-US Economic Summit के उद्घाटन सत्र को संबोधित किया। अमेरिका की स्वतंत्रता के 250 वर्ष और भारत की स्वतंत्रता के शताब्दी वर्ष 2047 की ओर अग्रसर यात्रा के ऐतिहासिक अवसर पर आयोजित यह सम्मेलन दोनों देशों के साझा लोकतांत्रिक मूल्यों, आपसी विश्वास और आर्थिक सहयोग की व्यापक संभावनाओं का प्रतीक है। भारत और अमेरिका 21वीं सदी की वैश्विक अर्थव्यवस्था को नई दिशा देने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा सकते हैं। इस दिशा में संसदीय कूटनीति और लोकतांत्रिक संवाद द्विपक्षीय संबंधों को नई मजबूती प्रदान कर सकते हैं। भारत की विशाल आर्थिक संभावनाएँ, कुशल मानव संसाधन और विनिर्माण क्षमता तथा अमेरिका की उन्नत तकनीक एवं अनुसंधान क्षमता मिलकर भविष्य की तकनीकों के संयुक्त विकास के नए अवसर खोल सकती हैं। AI, Semiconductors, Space Technology और Digital Infrastructure के साथ MSMEs, Startups, Women-led Entrepreneurship और Skill Development में सहयोग को बढ़ावा देना आवश्यक है। NISAR उपग्रह मिशन और अंतरिक्ष सहयोग इस साझेदारी की वैज्ञानिक क्षमता के उदाहरण हैं। भारत में निवेश केवल एक उभरते बाजार में भागीदारी नहीं, बल्कि विश्व की सबसे महत्वपूर्ण विकास संभावनाओं से जुड़ने का अवसर है। मेरा विश्वास है कि लोकतांत्रिक कूटनीति, तकनीकी सहयोग और साझा दूरदृष्टि पर आधारित भारत-अमेरिका की यह साझेदारी नागरिकों के जीवन में सकारात्मक परिवर्तन लाने के साथ विकसित भारत 2047 के संकल्प को नई गति प्रदान करेगी।

— Om Birla (@ombirlakota) November 19, 2026

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